

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered this Application in connection with the Examiner's Action, and respectfully request reconsideration of this Application in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his suggestions on how the claim objections can be avoided.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has amended Claim 46 to depend from Claim 27 rather than cancelled Claim 44. Thus, Claims 46 and 47 are no longer dependent on a rejected base claim.

Also in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have also amended Claims 72, 83, and 84 to specify that the amount of the compound ranges from about 0.1 μM to about 1000 μM in the composition.

Finally, Applicants have also amended Claims 26, 27, 63, 73, 74, 77, and 80 to specify that the compound ranges from about 0.1 μM to about 1000 μM in the composition, rather than from about 0.4 μM to about 400 μM . Applicant respectfully notes that the Examiner previously indicated, in an Office Action dated August 5, 2005, that these claims (dependent kit and method claims) were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. At that time, the base claims included a limitation of "0.1 μM to about 1000 μM ." Thus, the subject matter of claims 26 – 50, 62, 63, and 73 – 82 was allowable if it included the limitation of "0.1 μM to about 1000 μM ." However, Applicants inadvertently amended Claims 26, 27, 63, 73, 74, 77, and 80 to incorporate the limitations of the base claims (composition claims) as they were being amended to include the limitation of "0.4 μM to about 400 μM ." Applicants now wish to correct this inadvertent error and return the claim language to its initial allowable form.

Applicants respectfully submit that, in light of the foregoing comments, Claims 1 – 17, 20 – 43, 46 – 50, and 59 - 89 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

If the Examiner has any other matters which pertain to this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by Examiner's Amendment where possible.

Respectfully submitted,


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